

A regular meeting of the Cultural Heritage Commission convened at 8:33 A.M.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS: Julie Bartolotto
Laura Brasser
E. Thor Carlson
Kevin Doherty
Doris Felix
Karen Highberger
Kerrie Weaver
Kevin Motschall, Vice Chair
Layne Johnson, Chair

EX OFFICIO: Stanley E. Poe

ABSENT: " : Mike Burrous
John Malveaux
Ana Maria McGuan (Excused)
Dan Pressburg
Brian Ulaszewski
William Wynne (Excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Jan Ostashay, Neighborhood and Historic
Preservation Officer
Jerry Olivera, Community Planner
Nancy Muth, City Clerk Specialist

Chair Johnson presiding.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no objection, Chair Johnson declared that the minutes of the meeting held September 21, 2005, be approved as submitted.

Commissioner Malveaux entered.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Bill Maer, 1425 East Eighth Street, the Craftsman Village Historic District, spoke regarding a desire to see the same scrutiny given to projects in all the historic districts.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Certificate of Appropriateness for Demolition/New Construction, 211 Newport Avenue

Jan Ostashay, Neighborhood and Historic Preservation Officer, presented the staff report, a copy of which was received and made a part of the permanent record.

Commissioners Burrous and Ulaszewski entered.

Patrick Sanchez, 211 Newport Avenue, introduced himself and responded to questions.

Commissioner Pressburg entered.

A discussion ensued regarding determining whether the structure was contributing to the Historic District, whether demolition was appropriate, and whether the design style of the new structure was appropriate.

Commissioner Brasser moved that the structure at 211 Newport Avenue be considered as non-contributing to the Bluff Park Historic District and approve the issuance of a demolition permit, with the new construction being revised and reviewed by the Commission. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Doherty moved, seconded by Commissioner Bartolotto, that the Certificate of Appropriateness for demolition and new construction at 211 Newport Avenue be denied. The motion failed by the following vote:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	Bartolotto, Carlson, Doherty, Felix, Weaver.
NOES:	"	: Brasser, Burrous, Highberger, Malveaux, Pressburg, Ulaszewski, Motschall.
ABSENT:	"	: McGuan, Wynne.
ABSTAINED:	"	: Johnson.

Commissioner Brasser moved, seconded by Commissioner Highberger, that the structure at 211 Newport Avenue be considered as non-contributing to the Bluff Park Historic District. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	Bartolotto, Brasser, Burrous, Felix, Highberger, Malveaux, Pressburg, Ulaszewski, Weaver, Motschall.
NOES:	"	: Carlson, Doherty.
ABSENT:	"	: McGuan, Wynne.
ABSTAINED:	"	: Johnson.

Commissioner Burrous moved, seconded by Commissioner Pressburg, that the applicant return to the Commission with an approved variance and a modified plan for new construction that meets design standards of the neighborhood for the site prior to demolition. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	Bartolotto,Brasser,Burrous, Carlson,Doherty,Felix, Highberger,Malveaux, Pressburg,Ulaszewski, Weaver,Motschall.
NOES:	"	: None.
ABSENT:	"	: McGuan,Wynne.
ABSTAINED:	"	: Johnson.

Commissioner Ulaszewski moved, seconded by Commissioner Burrous, that the Cultural Heritage Commission advise against granting a one-car garage variance for 211 Newport Avenue, due to the lack of historic significance of a one-car garage in the new construction. Carried by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Certificate of Appropriateness for Additions/Alterations, 3725 Gardenia Avenue

Jan Ostashay, Neighborhood and Historic Preservation Officer, advised that the applicant was not present.

Commissioner Burrous moved, seconded by Commissioner Pressburg, that the Certificate of Appropriateness for additions and alterations at 3725 Gardenia Avenue be laid over to the November meeting. Carried by unanimous vote.

The applicant entered.

Commissioner Burrous moved, seconded by Commissioner Pressburg, that the Certificate of Appropriateness for additions and alterations at 3725 Gardenia Avenue be considered at this time. Carried by unanimous vote.

Jan Ostashay, Neighborhood and Historic Preservation Officer, presented the staff report, a copy of which was received and made a part of the permanent record.

Jessica Rodriguez, 20738 Hawaiian Avenue, Lakewood, spoke regarding the proposed project design and responded to questions.

Commissioner Highberger moved, seconded by Commissioner Pressburg, that the Certificate of Appropriateness for additions and alterations at 3725 Gardenia Avenue be laid over to allow applicant to return with complete detail drawings, including a window schedule and a front elevation. Carried by unanimous vote.

Discussion ensued regarding the mass of the project and it was suggested that the applicant also include a presentation on the mass in relation to the surrounding buildings.

Commissioner Motschall moved, seconded by Commissioner Burrous, that the Certificate of Appropriateness for additions and alterations at 3725 Gardenia Avenue be approved in concept. The motion failed by the following vote:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	Burrous, Malveaux, Pressburg, Ulaszewski, Motschall.
NOES:	"	: Bartolotto, Brasser, Carlson, Doherty, Felix, Highberger, Weaver.
ABSENT:	"	: McGuan, Wynne.
ABSTAINED:	"	: Johnson.

Commissioner Ulaszewski moved, seconded by Commissioner Burrous, that the conceptual design of the massing for the Certificate of Appropriateness for additions and alterations at 3725 Gardenia Avenue be approved. The motion failed by the following vote:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	Bartolotto, Burrous, Pressburg, Ulaszewski, Motschall.
NOES:	"	: Brasser, Carlson, Doherty, Felix, Highberger, Weaver.
ABSENT:	"	: McGuan, Wynne.
ABSTAINED:	"	: Malveaux, Johnson.

Discussion: Local Landmark Designation, Atlantic Theater, 5870 Atlantic Avenue

Jerry Olivera, Community Planner, presented the staff report, a copy of which was received and made a part of the permanent record.

Jan Ostashay, Neighborhood and Historic Preservation Officer, reported regarding her site visit; indicated that the interior has been modified extensively, with a few exceptions, and little remained that would be historically significant for landmark designation; and advised that the exterior had retained much of its historical integrity, which would be significant for landmark designation.

Barbara Kaiser, Redevelopment Bureau Manager, spoke regarding the North Village Center area, where the Atlantic Theater is located; discussed the Redevelopment Agency's plans, which were based on community needs and required demolition of the Theater and the surrounding buildings to create space for a new library and community center; indicated that an Environmental Impact Report would likely be required; and responded to questions regarding the current site plan and adaptive re-use that was planned along the Long Beach Boulevard corridor.

Jan Ostashay, Neighborhood and Historic Preservation Officer, indicated that a true historic survey assessment would be required as part of the private project and would

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determine whether the property would be identified as a historic resource under the California Environmental Quality Act.

A discussion ensued regarding adaptive reuse of the building and the process required for nominating a public building for landmark designation.

Jonathan Kraus, Chief of Staff, Eighth District, read a letter from Rae Gabelich, Councilwoman, Eighth District, regarding her position concerning the Theater and support for the Redevelopment project, a copy of which was received and made a part of the permanent record.

Summer Hansen, 3631 Olive Avenue, spoke in support of the Redevelopment project.

A discussion ensued regarding completing a thorough landmark designation packet to support the request for designation, arranging a site visit for the Commission, and keeping the City Manager and the Eighth and Ninth District Councilmembers informed regarding the preliminary research.

Commissioner Bartolotto moved, seconded by Commissioner Brasser, that staff proceed, and complete the research and historic assessment of the Atlantic Theater at 5870 Atlantic Avenue, with the intent that the landmark designation submittal would be ready for the November Commission meeting. Carried by the following vote:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	Bartolotto, Brasser, Burrous, Carlson, Doherty, Felix, Highberger, Pressburg, Ulaszewski, Weaver, Motschall.
NOES:	"	: Malveaux.
ABSENT:	"	: McGuan, Wynne.
ABSTAINED:	"	: Johnson.

Discussion: Potential Nominations to the National Register of Historic Places

Jan Ostashay, Neighborhood and Historic Preservation Officer, presented the staff report, a copy of which was received and made a part of the permanent record; and indicated that the WPA Mosaic Mural at 71 East Third Street appeared eligible for the National Register, while the Southern California Edison Building at 100 Long Beach Boulevard required more research and appeared to be appropriate for a local level designation.

Sheri Rossillo, Development Project Manager, Project Development Bureau, Community Development, indicated that the City owned 100 Long Beach Boulevard; spoke regarding the review of proposal received in response to the Request for Proposal for a project at that location, noting that some are for re-use and some for demolition; and responded to questions.

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Commissioner Pressburg moved, seconded by Commissioner Carlson, to request staff research and report back with a feasibility study regarding nomination of the WPA Mosaic Mural at 71 East Third Street to the National Register. Carried by unanimous vote.

Staff Report

Jan Ostashay, Neighborhood and Historic Preservation Officer, reported regarding two grant applications submitted for the Navy Trust, and notification received regarding two new designations to the National Register for a total of 17 properties listed in Long Beach; discussed the Historic Preservation Element and its intent, the development of design guidelines, and identifying and prioritizing areas of focus for the Commission; announced upcoming events; and responded to questions.

Jan Ostashay, Neighborhood and Historic Preservation Officer, and Greg Carpenter, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke regarding the concept of sustainability and historic preservation, and its applicability to the current appeal of David Hayden at the Planning Commission regarding shingles for 349 Carroll Park East.

Greg Carpenter, Planning Bureau Manager, indicated that the intent was for staff to handle more day-to-day issues, and the Commission to handle more policy issues; and reported that the Planning Commission upheld the Commission's decision regarding the exterior alterations at 1183 N. Loma Vista Drive.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Burrous spoke regarding the quality of the Mills Act contract used in the City of Laguna Beach.

Commissioner Ulaszewski spoke regarding neighborhood association members meeting to devise a standardized ordinance for all the historic districts.

Commissioner Felix inquired regarding scheduling a site visit to the Atlantic Theater.

Commissioner Johnson inquired regarding the status of 2711 East Ocean Boulevard; expressed concern regarding construction of fences in the Bluff Park Historic District; and inquired regarding the status of the Bluff Park guidelines project.

Commissioner Pressburg announced the Veterans Day Parade, requested staff provide a Certificate of Appropriateness listing of projects approved in California Heights Historic District, and inquired regarding the process for designation of a Civil War cemetery.

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Commissioner Weaver spoke regarding the success of the California Heights Historic District home tour, and expressed concern over pillars being constructed at the driveways entrances becoming prominent in the California Heights Historic District.

Commissioner Bartolotto announced the 10th Annual Historical Cemetery Tour organized by The Historical Society of Long Beach; and, due to inquiries from district residents regarding projects in progress, requested guidelines regarding what is being approved over the counter and a listing of those approved projects.

A discussion ensued regarding an approval notice for posting at project sites to inform neighbors that a project had been approved.

Commissioner Doherty inquired regarding a block wall fence constructed at Colorado Street and Orizaba Avenue surrounding a Craftsman home.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:48 A.M., there being no objection, Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting.